

Orem City/ASD Joint Meeting
Wednesday, August 31, 2016
Orem High School
12:00 P.M.

This meeting was for discussion purposes only. No official action was taken.

Orem Elected Officials Present: Mayor Richard F. Brunst, Jr., Councilmembers Debbie Lauret, Tom McDonald, Sam Lentz, Mark Seastrand, and Karl Hirst, Recreation Department Director.

Alpine School District Administration: Superintendent Samuel Y. Jarman, Assistant Superintendent Robert W. Smith and Administrator of District Operations Jess Christen. Board members Paula Hill, JoDee Sundberg, Debbie Taylor and John Burton. Executive Assistant Rhonda Mortensen.

Superintendent Samuel Y. Jarman conducted the meeting.

SRO Agreement

Rob Smith explained that in the last session there were some statutory changes made by the legislature that need to be included in the agreement SRO agreement. Both Orem and ASD's legal counsel found that the agreement had been updated with the following changes:

1. Designate that if there is an offense, the resource officer confers with the administration to resolve it.
2. Must contain a detailed description of students' rights under state and federal law in regards to searches.
3. Training material for SROs is a joint assignment, with the city having the major responsibility to make sure the officers are performing to the highest of their abilities. Mayor Brunst suggested there be a sign off that shows when each officer has received the training. Alpine School District will pay \$5,000 for the new body cameras for the SROs.
4. Feedback on performance.
5. The responsibility on behalf of the SRO to maintain the privacy of student records.

The first four of these changes are statutory. Rob will share these changes with the Chief of Police. ASD has made the first payment, as well as, the money for the body cameras.

The Alpine School District Bond

Superintendent Jarman explained that the Board of Education voted to put the \$387 million bond on the November 8 ballot. He explained that if the bond passes, there will be no tax increase on the portion of the taxes that go to Alpine School District. Jess Christen shared the specific bond and capital projects that have recently been completed and those that are planned for the Orem area. Superintendent Jarman

said he is hoping for supporting statements from the city leaders. Rob Smith is asking for the same from two of the legislative representatives he met with yesterday. JoDee Sundberg said it was effective for Provo City to have the support from their community leaders when they went out for their bond. Mayor Brunst requested a list of how the bond money will be spent. Jess Christen shared the following about projects in the Orem area:

- \$4 million (bond) to replace the 20-year-old roof at Timpanogos High School. A parking lot was completed last year (capital). Capital funds will also fund an outside concession stand, restrooms, dugouts for girls' softball and a football/track scoreboard (already ordered).
- Canyon View recently received a refurbish of the auditorium (capital).
- \$6 million (bond) to renovate Mountain View High School, which will include flooring, windows, the fine arts areas, counseling offices, athletic facilities, classroom for life skills students and turf on the football/soccer field.
- \$15.5 million (bond) to rebuild Cascade Elementary.
- Capital funds have recently been used at Scera Park to re-carpet and to deal with some ADA issues to bring it up to standard.
- Aspen and Bonneville Elementary will have new front offices built at the front of the schools to address safety/security issues (bond).
- Geneva Elementary is on the ten-year plan and the community will be involved on future decisions for the school.
- With the growth of Vineyard, property was recently purchased in the Waters Edge Development to build another school.

Superintendent Jarman thanked Orem City for supporting the ASD bonds in the past. He also recognized and expressed appreciation to the city for being the bedrock of the tax base that benefits the 14 municipalities. Mayor Brunst thanked Superintendent Jarman for ASD's support of the CDA with University Mall. It has allowed the city to see a \$300 million increase in the investment the Woodburys made. Mayor Brunst, speaking for himself, said he supports what ASD is doing and loves the investment that is being put into the schools. Debbie Taylor said that the growth in the west benefits the Orem students, as well, in maintenance and operations to keep many of the Orem schools small. Orem has nine of the eleven Title I schools in the district and Orem Jr. is the only Title I junior high. Consequently, Orem students are the most expensive to educate. Superintendent Jarman emphasized that if we continue to stick together as a district, we will continue to benefit the whole. We know that in four years we need to look at schools like Geneva, Scera Park and Suncrest but we are trying to do it in a fiscally responsible way. The \$387 million bond will not meet all of the needs in the district. Mayor Brunst complimented Rob Smith for the Triple- A rating Alpine School District received.

Rob Smith reported that we have projected a two percent increase each year until 2020. Currently we are at four percent, but will have firm numbers after Labor Day.

Two of the highest growth schools, looking at projection verses actual numbers, were Lakeridge and Orem Junior High Schools, due to the Vineyard area.

Mayor Brunst said they appreciate the “hawk system” at Canyon View Jr. High, but that the parents at Northridge Elementary would like one too. Superintendent Jarman replied that they can make the request, which begins the process of working with the city and doing the necessary research.

Alpine School District has many volunteers scheduled to help with the All Abilities Playground being constructed at the Orem City Center Park. The Mountain View football team will be volunteering on September 5, Sharon Elementary on September 6, Scera Park Elementary on September 9 and Cascade Elementary will have 150 people there on September 10.

Superintendent Jarman invited Mayor Brunst and the City Council to a breakfast for the south/central city leaders on September 30 at 7:30 a.m. at the district office. The purpose of the meeting will be to educate the city leaders about the bond. Another breakfast meeting is scheduled for September 23 at 7:30 a.m. for the north/west city leaders. There will also be 86 meetings with the school community councils and PTAs. Superintendent Jarman asked that Orem City post on their social media about the upcoming bond community meeting to be held at Canyon View Junior High on October 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Jess Christen reported that the Mountain View baseball field fence has gone through the bid process and money has been budgeted for the project. Mayor Brunst said he will have the necessary signatures by next week, but operationally it is in ASD’s control.

Seven of the Orem elementary schools (Cascade, Foothill, Hillcrest, Northridge, Orchard, Scera Park, Sharon) have joined in the Apollo Project. The kick off is September 8 at 6:30 at Orem High School. This is the STEAM/STEM initiative for 21st Century Learning and has been a local “grass roots” initiative.

Councilman Sam Lentz asked at what age we are providing the opportunity to learn coding. Superintendent Jarman said we have the opportunity in some of our elementary and secondary schools.

Superintendent Jarman asked for the city to consider the timing of road construction and the areas being affected. When roads are under construction, it makes it difficult for the buses to get students to their schools. This year, the schools in the Mountain View area were greatly affected. He suggested starting road construction in April and doing it through the summer when school is out. Mayor Brunst asked the superintendent to outline his request in an email and explained that a lot of factors go into planning the road construction. He also suggested sending road construction updates to the superintendent’s office a month in advance.

JoDee Sundberg has been getting calls from Scera Park parents about the gravel parking area the city owns. They feel it is a dangerous spot and would like it paved. Superintendent Jarman will include the parents' request in his email.

Tom McDonald thanked the district for hosting the meeting at Orem High School.

Carl Hurst encouraged everyone to drive past the All Abilities Playground. The idea began with a simple Facebook post from a parent and is truly a grass roots effort.

Debbie Lauret shared about the Tabitha's Way facilities opening in American Fork to serve the north county. She is on the Tabitha's Way Board. Superintendent Jarman reported that Assistant Superintendent John Patten is the district contact has completed an MOU with Tabitha's way.

The next Orem City/ASD Joint meeting will be held on November 16 at the Orem City Offices.

Mayor Brunst said the Orem City/ASD partnership is appreciated and would like to continue the quarterly meetings.

The motion to adjourn was made by Debbie Lauret and seconded by Mark Seastrand.

The meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.